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Moose Jaw, Sask.

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Sir Robert Falconer,
President, Toronto University,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir Robert:

My attention was called a short time ago to the fact that the Rhodes Scholars for the present year, were shortly to be selected, and of the fact, that a young man from this city, whose work and qualities of character, should make him a strong candidate, and who might just possibly fail to receive the consideration that is his due, by being a student in Toronto, instead of Saskatoon. The young man's name is Hamilton, son of Mayor Hamilton of this city.

The larger number of students of our Collegiate, have hitherto gone to Toronto University to study. This included practically all the stronger students. The reasons for this are so obvious I fancy, as to require no explanation, at least to one, who like yourself, is perfectly familiar with the work of Canadian Universities, East and West. I have no doubt, that under the circumstances, even the men connected with our local Universities in the West, would regard this course on the part of the students, as praiseworthy, rather than such as to entail any disadvantage or prejudice upon them.

With regard to Hamilton's claims for consideration, I may say that I know him to be a splendid young fellow, and to possess conspiciously, many of the qualities desired in the Rhodes Scholar. Mr. Colling, principal of our Collegiate, speaks of his work as a student, in unusually high terms. Of course, his subsequent record in the University, would be more important than that, but if it be a delicate matter to compare records in two Universities, his standing here, together with the high place the Moose Jaw Collegiate holds in the Province, might be of service in considering the case. Senator Willouby, himself a graduate of Toronto, and Mr. Crawford, of the wholesale house of McDonald & Crawford here, who is a T. C. D. man, and both of whom have known Hamilton since boyhood, are very keen in view of his splendid qualities, that he should not be overlooked by the committee. I may say that he has been engaged in McDonald & Crawford's warehouse for several summers, which has enabled Mr. Crawford to become more intimately acquainted with his character. They, with myself, are quite confident, that if his name is not overlooked, he will be regarded as having very strong claims for selection, as representing this Province.

While I understand, that President Murray has some time expressed himself altogether in favor of the policy, that the selection should not be confined to students who are attending the Provincial University, still I feel that you would be the right person to approach in the case. I am sure if you are unable to give the matter personal attention, you will bring it to the notice of whoever may represent you on the Committee.

With very kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Eber Crummy

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May 21st, 1920

Rev. Ebor Crummy, D.D.,
Zion Methodist Church,
Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dear Dr. Crummy:

I have just received your letter with regard to Mr. Hamilton and his application for the Rhodes Scholarship. I am sorry that I am not acquainted with Mr. Hamilton and therefore I am unable to express any opinion as to his qualifications. Nor am I, according to the new regulations, a member of the awarding committee for the Rhodes Scholarships, so that my influence in the matter is very small. I have not been consulted with regard to any of the recent appointments.

I will, however, send your letter to Mr. J. M. MacDonnell, and I should think that this is the only method I have of bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee. I can quite realise that there may be a strong feeling in favour of awarding the scholarship to a student who has attended the Provincial University, but surely the Provincial Committee will not allow this to be a decisive factor in the case of a student who has special merits.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.